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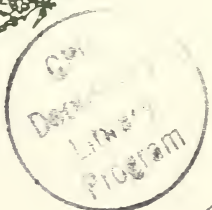
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Mountain Bicycling in the Sandia Mountains

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Some Precautions for a Safe Ride

Afternoon thundershowers occur frequently over the mountains during the summer. Temperatures can drop dramatically and quickly. Wool/silk and some synthetics will keep you warm, even when wet. Cotton next to your body will actually keep heat away and make you colder. A trash bag is lightweight and can be used as a raincoat. A helmet will keep your head cool in the heat and help insulate from the cold. At high elevations most people sunburn much faster, a cap and sunscreen are essential. Sunglasses protect eyes from both sun and dust. A handkerchief over the nose can help when the air is very dry and dusty.

A pocket-size first aid kit comes in handy for scrapes and bruises. Because of the terrain where many of these roads and trails are located, the first aid kit should be a permanent part of your pack.

Traction on forest roads and trails is quite different from pavement, particularly when going downhill. Protect yourself by wearing your helmet and pads.

Do not travel alone, take someone with you. If one person becomes hurt, the other person can apply first aid and/or seek help. If you can't take someone with you, leave your trip plan and schedule with someone. This will make it easier to get help to you if necessary.

Be prepared to perform minor repairs on your bicycle. Most importantly, be able to change a flat tire or fix a chain. Bring a chain tool, pump, tire repair kit and the tools needed to take off the wheels.

Bring a lot of water, more than you think you will need, or bring materials to treat stream water. Treat all wild water as if it is contaminated. Filter or boil before you plan to drink it.

Please respect the rights of private landowners. You must ask permission from the owner before crossing private land. Specifically, note the area known as FR 462 as shown on the inside map.

Cedro Peak Area Trails

The system of trails described here is supplemented by many non-system trails. It is not possible to describe or sign every junction. You are encouraged to check your map frequently and backtrack to a known landmark if you become confused.

Trails listed here are marked with trail numbers. This information is provided as a general guide to the trails in the Cedro Peak area. Respect private land boundaries and stay on designated trails in these areas.

Many of the trails listed on this map are also forest roads. Most forest roads do not receive heavy vehicular travel in comparison to streets and highways, but be aware of possible vehicular traffic.

Some trails receive considerable horseback and foot travel. Please be considerate when overtaking these visitors.

Trail grades are often much steeper than road grades—some greater than 10%. These trails are generally for more advanced mountain bicyclists.

Trail 12

A road between the east end of Forest Road 252B and 462. This trail is a north/south route through meadows. At 1.2 miles, it is rated easy.

Trail 13

The southern origin off Forest Road 252. This trail travels through meadows and is rocky in places. It intersects 252C at 1 mile. From this intersection, the trail becomes steep and rocky. The distance between 252C and 462 is 1 mile. The first section is rated moderate, while the second section is rated difficult.

Trail 240

This trail originates just north and across the road from Cedro Peak Group Reservation Campground. It parallels Forest Road 252 then crosses it and heads up to the Cedro Peak Lookout Tower. This trail is steep and rocky, 1 mile long and rated moderate to difficult.

Trail 252

A road that goes from the junction of NM Highway 337 to the Cedro Peak Group Reservation Campground. At 2.2 miles, it is rated easy.

Trail 252-B

A single-track trail that begins east of the multiple-use parking lot. It travels 2 miles to the junction with 252c; then 1/10 mile to its end at Forest Road 12. This trail is rated easy to moderate.

Forest Road 252-C

A short connector road between Trail 252B and Forest Road 13. It makes a nice loop when combined with these two trails. At .8 mile, it is rated moderate.

Trail 252-D

A connector trail between Forest Roads 12 and 252C. This half mile trail is rated difficult.

Forest Road 462

This road branches off the main dirt road just before a gate closes the road. It heads east 2.4 miles to the junction with Trail 13. Although steep and rocky in places, it is rated easy to moderate.

Forest Road 542

This road branches off Forest Road 252 to complete a loop. The loop is 2.4 miles and is rated easy.

Trail 11.3 (Lone Pine)

A single-track trail with it's southern origin branching from Trail 12. It winds up to a ridgetop where it intersects with Trail 11. At 1.7 miles, it is rated moderate.

Foothills Trails (Non-Motorized Bicycles Only)

Much of the Elena Gallegos and surrounding areas are bounded by the Sandia Mountain Wilderness. Wilderness areas are protected by federal law from use by all mechanized vehicles, including mountain bicycles. While some trails run into the wilderness, the boundary is fenced and signed. Please be aware of the boundary. This area is patrolled and federal law is enforced.

The Sandia Ranger District and the City of Albuquerque, Open Space Division have worked cooperatively in developing this network of trails. Suggestions and questions concerning these bike paths as well as information regarding other areas designated for mountain bicycles can be directed to either agency.

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Trail users are encouraged to stay on designated trails. Other paths have been created by wildlife or careless individuals. Once plant life has been trampled and soil compacted it takes years for revegetation to occur. Help us preserve this resource by taking care where you ride.

All archaeological artifacts, petroglyphs, associated historic and archaeological sites and boulders are protected. The penalties for vandalism or removal of artifacts are severe.

This trail system is accessed by three designated parking areas. The southernmost trailhead is located at the Embudito parking lot. From the junction of Montgomery and Tramway, go east on Montgomery to Glenwood Hills Drive. Turn northeast on Glenwood Hills Drive and go .4 mile. Turn east on the unmarked access road and continue to the parking lot. There is no fee and the Foothills Trail heads north from this parking lot.

The northern end of the Foothills Trail is accessed from the northern Sandia Peak Tramway parking lot, where there is a \$1 annual parking fee. The parking lot is located on Tramway Road (State Highway 556) 1 mile east of Tramway Boulevard. As there is **no motor vehicle parking allowed at the trail entrance (Cedar Hill)** itself, a short trip through

the surrounding neighborhood is necessary to reach the trail. From the north parking lot go west on Tramway Road .3 mile to Juniper Hill Road. Turn south and follow Juniper Hill .3 mile to Cedar Hill Road. Turn east on Cedar Hill and continue .3 mile to the end of the road. The trail begins on the other side of the rock barrier.

The centerpoint of the Foothills Trail and access to the trail system as a whole can be gained from the Elena Gallegos Picnic Area. Park hours are: Summer - 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Winter - 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. To reach the picnic area, travel north on Tramway Boulevard 2 miles. from the Tramway/Montgomery intersection. Turn east onto the Elena Gallegos access road. The entrance fee is \$1 (\$2 on weekends). An annual fee is also available for \$10 (\$15 on weekends). The Foothills Trail crosses the access road just west of the toll booth.

The majority of trails in this system are ideal for beginners, but more advanced bicyclists can enjoy a leisurely ride as well. Many of the trails are old roads or well established trails on hard-packed, gradual slopes. There may be occasional short, steep grades and sandy sections. For information on areas providing more challenging routes, call the Sandia Ranger Station.

All trails in the system are signed depicting trail number and usage symbols.

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